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My Dear Dr. Ellinwood: Moffett

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serious as well  
the experience through which we  
learn the lessons of faith and patience  
and endurance so necessary to us  
in our missionary work one of the  
most trying to me is that which  
just now I am called upon to  
go through. A number of conditions  
combine to place me in great  
uncertainty as to our Pyeng Yang  
work this fall and we are forced  
to hold our plans in abeyance  
for a while waiting for the Lord to  
show us just when to move.

I spent May & June in the city and  
surrounding country staying as long  
and as often as the sanitary condition  
would permit but the return of fever  
and the approach of Cholera from

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the North warned ~~me~~ that further stay was running an unnecessary risk so I returned to Seoul early in July. Our American minister Mr. Bell, who has shown himself a good friend of mine had tried to telegraph me to return but could get no word through. I had been gone from the city but a few days when Cholera broke out and swept the city. Poor Pyeung Yang! The war had left her desolate enough but now her condition reminds me of the destruction upon Jerusalem and Babylon. Reports received <sup>last week</sup> from my teacher there tell of a deserted city, dead bodies inside and outside the walls lying there rotting in the sun. The Lord has dealt graciously with our men and so far - but one of the Church members has been taken together with one catechumen whom I had expected to baptize this fall. A number of members of families

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have been taken 2 but in answer  
to Gray's most of our men have escaped  
all sickness while others - who were sick  
have recovered. Many of them have  
gone to mountain villages where most of  
them will probably be safe. The local  
report however says that while the  
scourge has ceased in the city it is  
now spreading into the surrounding villages.  
The decayed bodies of the Chinese slain  
in battle last year not only interfered  
with our stay there this spring but also  
filled me as full of malaria that I am  
now in a condition which causes all  
my friends to insist upon my taking  
a rest and many think I ought now  
to ask for a furlough in America.  
This I do not ~~yet~~ feel at all  
called upon to do as I am trusting that  
a few weeks of comparative rest in  
the mountains near Siml will put me  
in fair shape again.  
What troubles me however is that  
just now I am not fitted to do  
battle against much hardship or  
against the unsanitary conditions into

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1-1-4 brought by the Cholera. We are not  
quite settled in P. Y. as yet altho  
for ~~now~~ a year we have been just  
on the eve of permanent and  
fairly comfortable establishment of  
ourselves there. (I am hoping that  
before I feel called upon to make  
a visit home that I shall see  
our station fully established with  
Mr. Lee and family and Dr. Wells  
there to look after things.) There is  
I should be glad to lose no time  
in getting to my mother whose  
letter now is full of longing for  
my return.

I think you will appreciate the fact  
that the uncertainty as to whether we  
can return to P. Y. when we had  
planned to do so (Sept 1st) is pretty  
trying to me just now.  
Perhaps however the detention at the  
Indis station for giving me a chance  
to re-consider that I may the better

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enter upon all the <sup>3</sup>opportunities for  
work which will offer themselves this  
winter.

Dr. Wells' arrival has rejoiced both  
Mr. Lee and myself and we are much  
pleased with him. He is full of enthus-  
iasm, frank, sincere and without  
doubt a good physician. He is  
having some rare experiences which  
form a good introductory to his work  
altho they are interfering just now  
with what is of prime importance viz.  
the acquisition of the language. However  
I do not think they will in any way  
lessen his determination to study  
hard as soon as these necessary  
interruptions are over.

Mr. Lee and I have had most enjoy-  
able times together during our trips  
to and stays in Pyeong Yang and we  
have been able to plan our work  
together in a way which promises the  
greatest harmony and co-operation throughout.  
I cannot be too thankful that Mr.  
Lee is my co-laborer for I have  
found him a rare man in absolute

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sincerely and integrity combined with  
 good judgment and self-control.  
 He and Mrs. Lee are eager to get settled  
 and to enter upon a work to which they  
 can give uninterrupted attention and  
 I think that time is not far off  
 for which any time to hear of P. J.  
 being spent in a job but whether it  
 is or not this winter will doubtless  
 see us located there and in possession  
 of our place and work.

In Seoul the Cholera has  
 been occupying a great deal of the  
 thought and time of most of the  
 people. The doctors here all been  
 hard at work and other have been  
 missing, making less factory (see  
 his (and faith) than their strength)  
 would allow.

There is now a great deal of sickness  
 or rather exhaustion in the ranks  
 of the missionaries. Of course as we  
 are now quite a large community it is  
 not to be expected that all will be  
 in perfect health but the getting  
 rid of even one where the work is

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so great affect us very greatly.  
Miss Strong does not seem to recover  
her strength and we fear she may  
be compelled to take a rest in America.  
This makes us all the more eager  
to have the Board grant our request  
for another lady for the school - the  
granting of which request now will  
in the end be a great saving to  
the Board. Miss Doty is now overworked  
and it does seem a shame not to have  
just the help needed for the school  
now that such admirable buildings are  
being put up. Mr. Lee has in his  
work for the school succeeded in getting  
by far the best & cheapest buildings  
which the Museum has ever obtained,  
and those of us who for years have  
been disappointed with the Park School  
in its location and opportunities for  
conducting a successful school are  
now jubilant over the prospect which  
now lies before it.  
Admirably located with buildings adapted  
to an economical management and  
careful oversight, and with buildings  
sufficient for the carrying on of all kinds

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I write for women in connection with  
the school - all that is needed now  
is the right force of workers.

The Board had not understood why  
those who were sent out for the school  
seemed to prefer other work - but could

you have fully understood all the  
difficulties against which they had to  
struggle where they were. It would

not have been such an *Ecce qua* in  
for one I do not anticipate any

future demerit of work on the part of  
any one who may be assigned to  
work in the girls school - unless that

one should be Miss Abuckley who  
for various reasons is not likely to  
be so assigned by the Mission.

Our Annual Meeting is to be held  
in October. Before that I trust  
Mr Lee or Mr. & I will have been

to Oyeing Yang - which case our  
refers to the Mission will inform you  
as to the outcome of the present uncer-

tainties.

You have probably heard of the sad  
death of Mr. McKenzie a most noble



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friend whose source of usefulness  
here was so great.  
We have just heard too of the  
withdrawal from the Australia Presby-  
terian Mission of Miss Perry of Fusan.  
A trip to Japan and contact with  
some people there has led her  
into Plymouth Brethrenism. She  
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Some day I should like to write  
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